

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended. Claims 8-11 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited therein. Support for the amendment can be found, for example, on page 10, line 19. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Tsuneo, JP-A-09-051020; and rejects claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kunitomo et al. (Kunitomo), U.S. Patent No. 5,550,408, in view of Horiuchi et al. (Horiuchi), U.S. Patent No. 6,084,295. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

None of the applied references, either individually or in combination, teaches, nor reasonably can be considered to have suggested, forming by inkjet an interconnect on the insulating section from the electrode to the interconnect pattern, as recited in claim 1.

Tsuneo discloses that a conductor layer 12 that is formed by screen printing (Fig. 5; paragraph [0047]). Kunitomo discloses a conductive film 17 is applied by a dispenser or by offset printing (Fig. 9; col. 8, lines 56-67). Horiuchi discloses an electro-conductive resin 34 (Fig. 1; col. 5, lines 14-44), but fails to account for the deficiencies of Tsuneo and Kunitomo. Thus, none of the applied references, either individually or in combination, discloses the combination of all of the features positively recited in claim 1.

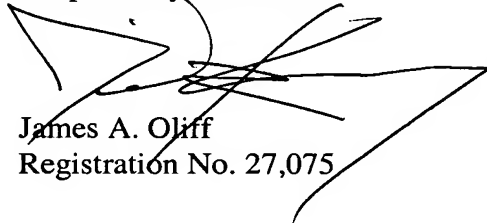
Because claims 2-7 incorporate the subject matter of claim 1, these claims also are neither taught nor would they have been suggested by the applied prior art references for at least their respective dependence on an allowable independent claim 1, as well as the separately patentable subject matter that each of these claims recites.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-7 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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